

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus

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In news

Recently, the Defence Minister of India attended the 14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting(ADMM) Plus organized online at Hanoi, Vietnam that marked the 10th anniversary of ADMM Plus.

What is ADMM plus?

- ADMM Plus is an annual meeting of Defence Ministers of 10 ASEAN Countries and eight partner countries.
- Its eight Dialogue Partners are Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, ROK, Russian Federation and the United States, to strengthen security and defence cooperation for peace, stability, and development in the region.
- It was established in 2010
- The Inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, on 12 October 2010.
- It meets annually since 2017
- The ADMM-Plus currently focuses on seven areas of practical cooperation, namely maritime security, counter-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster management, peacekeeping operations, military medicine, humanitarian mine action and cyber security. Experts Working Groups (EWGs) have been established to facilitate cooperation in these areas.
- Last Meeting: 6th ADMM-Plus, Bangkok, Thailand, 18 November 2019

The objectives of the ADMM-Plus

- To benefit ASEAN member countries in building capacity

- to address shared security challenges, while cognisant of the differing capacities of various ASEAN countries;
- To promote mutual trust and confidence between defence establishments through greater dialogue and transparency;
 - To enhance regional peace and stability through cooperation in defence and security, in view of the transnational security challenges the region faces;
 - To contribute to the realisation of an ASEAN Security Community which, as stipulated in the Bali Concord II, embodies ASEAN's aspiration to achieve peace, stability, democracy and prosperity in the region where ASEAN member countries live at peace with one another and with the world at large;
 - To facilitate the implementation of the Vientiane Action Programme, which calls for ASEAN to build a peaceful, secure and prosperous ASEAN, and to adopt greater outward-looking external relation strategies with our friends and Dialogue Partners.

About the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)

- The ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) is the **highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN.**
- This year marks the 10th year of inception of ADMM Plus forum.
- It was established in 2006
- The ASEAN Security Community (ASC) Plan of Action, adopted at the 10th ASEAN Summit, stipulates that ASEAN shall work towards the convening of an annual ADMM. Against this background, the **Inaugural meeting of the ADMM was held in Kuala Lumpur on 9 May 2006.**
- The ADMM aims to **promote mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges** as well as enhancement of transparency and openness.

The objectives of the ADMM

- To **promote regional peace and stability** through dialogue and cooperation in defence and security
- To give **guidance to existing senior defence and military officials dialogue** and cooperation in the field of defence and security within ASEAN and between ASEAN and dialogue partners
- To promote **mutual trust and confidence** through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as enhancement of transparency and openness and
- To **contribute to the establishment of an ASEAN Security Community (ASC) as stipulated in the Bali Concord II** and to promote the **implementation of the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) on ASC.**